

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 17-35 are pending in the application. Claim 23 is amended herein. Claims 21, 22, and 29-35 are withdrawn from consideration. Claim 36 is cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration is requested based on the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Interview Summary

The Applicants submit the following summary of the interviews that took place over the telephone on March 3, April 3, and April 25, 2006 between the undersigned representative of the Applicants and the Examiner.

Telephone Conferences:

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the many courtesies extended to the undersigned representative of the Applicant during the telephone interviews that took place March 3, April 3, and April 25, 2006.

Among the issues discussed during those interviews were the Office Action mailed February 6, 2006, the restriction of claim 32, the rejection of claim 36 rather than claim 35, and the objection to the Title of the Invention.

Claim 24:

Claim 24 was indicated as being rejected in Item 6 of the Form PTOL-326 accompanying the subject Office Action, but no specific grounds of rejection of claim 24 appear in the Detailed Action. Claim 24 is thus presumed to be allowable.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112:

Claim 23 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Claim 23 was amended to make it more definite. Withdrawal of the rejection is earnestly solicited.

Objections to the Specification:

The Title was objected to as not descriptive. The Title has been replaced as discussed in the above-mentioned telephone interview of April 25, 2006. Withdrawal of the objection is earnestly solicited.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17-20, and 25-28 in Item 5 of the Form PTOL-326 accompanying the subject Office Action.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all of claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17-20, and 23-28 are allowable over the cited references.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

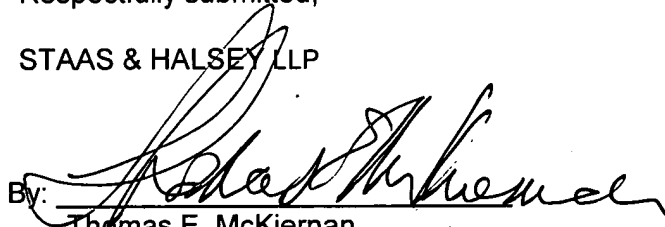
Respectfully submitted,

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